

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND Claims 8 and 11, as follows.

Claims 1-7 (Cancelled).

8. (Currently Amended) An original document processing apparatus comprising:

a conveying roller which conveys an original document to an original document reading position;

a pair of reverse-discharge rollers capable of rotating forward and reverse, and capable of separating from each other, which feeds the original document to said conveying roller by switchback, and discharging the original document conveyed from said conveying roller; ~~and~~

a driving unit which separates the pair of reverse-discharge rollers from each other, and

an electricity removal needle which removes electricity from the conveyed sheet;

wherein the switchback serves to feed an original document from said pair of reverse-discharge rollers to the conveying roller;

wherein said driving unit separates said pair of reverse-discharge rollers from each other ~~separate from each other to stop rotation~~ after the original document is fed to said conveying roller by the switchback; and

wherein the electricity removal needle is disposed at a downstream side in an original document discharging direction from a cross over position for a front edge of the original document and a rear edge of the original document in a case of conveying the original document having a maximum conveyable length by the switchback, and at a downstream side in the original document discharging direction of said pair of reverse-discharge rollers.

9. (Previously Presented) The original document processing apparatus according to claim 8,

wherein a distance of starting from said pair of reverse-discharge rotating rollers, passing said original document reading position, and returning back to said pair of reverse-discharge rotating rollers is made shorter than the maximum conveyable length of the original document; and

wherein the cross over position is disposed between said pair of reverse-discharge rotating rollers and said electricity removal needle.

10. (Previously Presented) The original document processing apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said pair of reverse-discharge rollers maintains the separating status during the reading process of the original document fed by the switchback.

11. (Currently Amended) The original document processing apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the pair of reverse-discharging rollers contacts with each other by the driving unit, ~~said pair of reverse-discharging rollers starts rotating towards the original documents discharge direction,~~ at a time that rear end of the original document switchbacked leaves said pair of discharge-reverse rollers.